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Jesse C. Johnson, Director
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PURCHASE OF ORES FROM LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY FROM PROPERTY
NEAR MAUCH CHUNK, PENNSYLVANIA

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Reference is made to your memorandum of November 17, 1953, requesting a delegation of authority to administer programs for the development, mining, and acquisition of carnotite-type and resceelite-type uranium-bearing ores and for the production and acquisition of uranium concentrates from ores within the State of Pennsylvania.

I do not believe the project for the purchase of ores from Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company from their property near Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, warrants a delegation of authority to you to the extent indicated in your memorandum.

I have asked George Gallagher to look into this matter and work out any contractual arrangements necessary with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company for the purchase by the Commission of their ores and stockpiling the same at their property in Pennsylvania. We will also make arrangements for the weighing, sampling, preparation, and distribution of samples. After the contract has been executed with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, I propose to assign it to your office for administration with the assaying to be done and ore payments made by the American Smelting and Refining Company.

I believe such an arrangement will result in a saving of travel funds and the time of members of your staff who would be required to travel across country to get this program under way. We will inform you as to the details of the arrangements in sufficient time to enable you and the American Smelting and Refining Company to carry out the responsibilities which may be assigned to you in connection with this program.

cc: G. G. Gallagher

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